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THE STUDY OF THE ZOHAR
HA KADDOSH
BULLETIN 14

“Because of this work, the Book of the Zohar, [the Jews]
will be redeemed from exile” Zohar ha Kaddosh (3, 124b)

**THE AUTHOR OF THE SEFER SHEVET MUSSAR
AND MIDRASH TALPIOT EXPLAINS THE
IMPORTANCE OF STUDYING WHETHER YOU
UNDERSTAND OR NOT WHAT YOU ARE STUDYING**

And you should not think what many fools who destroyed themselves thought: “Since I do not understand I will not occupy myself with the Torah” for they err, for they are obliged on what was commanded of them and if they understand fine and if not fine as well, for it is written: “And you shall speak, meditate on the Torah day and night” (Yehoshua Alef, 8) and it is not written: “And you will understand the Torah day and night”. And thus you will find the words of the Tanna (Pirke Avot 2:16) “If you studied a lot of Torah they will give you a great reward” and it is not written: “If you understood a lot of Torah...” but the Tanna said: “If you studied” and you should try to understand, and if you understand fine, and if not the reward of the study, you have in your hands; And as the Tanna said (Avot 5:23) “According to the suffering is the Reward” And they have also said: “The person who does not learn because he does not understand, this is the advice of the Yetzer ha Ra. He should persevere in his studies and the understanding will come, for when the Holy One Blessed be He sees his desire in the Torah and his clinging to it, He will open for him the springs of wisdom as it is written (Mishle 2:6) “For Hashem will give wisdom, from His mouth, knowledge and understanding”

...Your main study should always be in that part of the torah that you desire the most (Avoda Zara 19a) whether it is Gemara, Derush, Remez or Kabbalah...

As the Ari ha kaddosh wrote in Sefer Derashot ha Neshamot ve ha Gilgulim Perek Gimmel (Sefer ha Gilgulim Perek Dalet): “There are men that all their desire is to study Pshat and others Remez, yet others wish to study Gematriot and others Kabbalah, and all this is according to the purpose of his reincarnation at that time, for since he completed the other areas in prior Gilgulim – Reincarnations, he does not need to occupy himself with it in all his Gilgulim”

And do not listen to the words of those who oppose you regarding what you wish to study within the Torah...and they tell you: “Why do you spend all your time studying this particular area of the Torah? Do not listen to them because according to what you desire to study, precisely for that you came to the world. And if you listen to their words you will need to reincarnate again, and be killed by the sword of the angel of death and taste the taste of death. So don't listen to those who want to destroy your soul, for you should know that the Satan enclodes himself in those people, in order to prevent and oppose the soul of the person that studies the particular portion of the Torah that his soul desires to study, in order to separate him from there, so that he will need to come in other Gilgulim

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